

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Akihiro TERAMACHI et al.**

Art Unit: **3656**

Application No.: **10/576,019**

Examiner: **Vicky A. Johnson**

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated October 28, 2009, and having a response due date set for November 28, 2009.

In the Office Action, applicants were required to elect one single disclosed species and the claims corresponding thereto for prosecution in this application to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable:

Group I Figs. 1-6, Claim 1;

Group II Fig. 7, Claim 2; and

Group III Figs. 8-9, Claim 3.

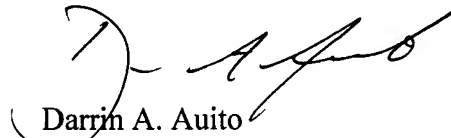
Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group III, the embodiment of Figs. 8-9. Claim 3 reads on the elected embodiment. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the Applicants' rights to the filing of a Divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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